

REMARKS

Claims 21-31 are still pending.

Claims 21-26 and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith (U.S. Patent No. 6,192,282).

Claim 21 is amended to make clear that the system is for controlling a plurality of outdoor environmental maintenance equipment having different user interfaces based on an open client-server architecture for golf courses, ski resorts, other outdoor recreational areas or for any application involving and managing of an outdoor environment. Moreover, claim 21 is also amended to make clear that each messaging control is able to communicate with two or more other messaging controls in the system.

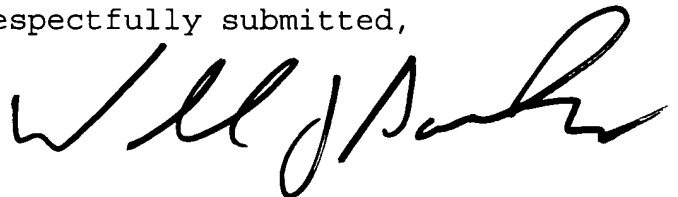
To the extent that the obviousness rejection might be applied to the claims, as amended, it is respectfully traversed because Smith does not teach or suggest a system based on an open client-server architecture for golf courses, ski resorts, other outdoor recreational areas or for any application involving and managing of an outdoor environment, featuring interface control server messaging controls and client or user interface messaging controls exchanging messages and communicating with each other using a common messaging control protocol for controlling a plurality of outdoor environmental maintenance equipment so that each messaging control is able to communicate with two or more other messaging controls in the system.

In contrast, Smith discloses a system for controlling an indoor system in which each messaging control is not able to communicate with two or more other messaging controls in the system, as claimed herein.

Claims 27-28 are rejected based on Smith in combination with another cited reference. Claims 27-28 depend from claim 21 directly or indirectly and contain all the limitations therein. It is respectfully submitted that the other cited reference does not make up for the deficiency in Smith.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to the claims, to the extent it might be applied to the claims, as amended, should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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